

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice CRP-379

For: State Offices

**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
Annual Program Accomplishment Report (CEP-68R)**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

Each CREP agreement requires that the State Government CREP Partner develop an annual program accomplishment report that shall be submitted to USDA before January 1.

CEP-68R is a tool to:

- evaluate program effectiveness
- report accomplishments
- develop program recommendations to increase program effectiveness.

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Purpose

This notice reminds State FSA Offices that the following required data elements shall be:

- provided in CEP-68R
- submitted to CEPD by the deadline specified in subparagraph 3 A.

2 CEP-68R Requirements

A

**CEP-68R
Content**

CEP-68R shall include the following sections:

- executive summary
- financial contribution
- monitoring and evaluation
- success stories and recommendation.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
March 1, 2001	State Offices

2 CEP-68R Requirements (Continued)

B

Executive Summary

The executive summary section of CEP-68R shall include the following:

- brief (1-page) executive summary of the program accomplishment from October 1, 1999, to September 30, 2000
 - statistical breakout of program accomplishments, including:
 - number of contracts by county and by practice
 - acres by county and by practice
 - average CCC rental payments by county and by practice
 - average CCC cost-share payments by practice
 - number of easements secured
 - acres of easements secured
 - miles of streams protected
 - acres of wetlands restored
 - total miles of buffers (streams, wetlands, lakes, etc.).
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Financial Contribution

The financial contribution section of CEP-68R shall include State and local government and private contributions.

- State, local, or private cost-share payments
 - number of payments
 - total cost-share payments
 - average payment per acre
 - lump sum for signup payments
 - number of payments
 - total dollar value
 - average payment
 - easement payments
 - number of payments
 - total dollar value
 - acres protected
 - service costs (title insurance, survey fees, legal reviews, etc.)
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2 CEP-68R Requirements (Continued)

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Financial Contribution (Continued)

- technical assistance provided
 - estimated number and type of staff positions
 - estimated annual cost
 - monitoring and evaluation costs
 - other in-kind services (media, administrative costs, etc.).
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Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation section of CEP-68R shall include the following:

- overview of monitoring and evaluation program
- status of meeting program goals of the agreement
- results of monitoring and evaluation program.

Example: One of the goals of CREP is to reduce nitrogen loading by 10,000 pounds per year. The annual report should describe the cumulative nitrogen reductions achieved to date, such as 7,600 pounds or 76 percent of the CREP nutrient reductions have been achieved.

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Success Stories and Recommendation

The success stories and recommendation section of CEP-68R shall include the following:

- CREP successes; describe a few examples of CREP successes
 - partnerships efforts; list CREP partners and a brief description of their role
 - recommendations; list any recommendations that would improve CREP.
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3 Action

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Action**

State Offices shall:

- provide a copy of this notice to State Government CREP partners
 - ensure that State Government CREP partners provide the State Office with a copy of CEP-68R with all requirements by January 1, 2001
 - review CEP-68R and provide a copy to the Director, CEPD by January 15, 2001.
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